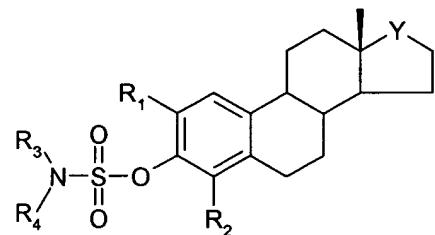


IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims, without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, to read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula IV;

Formula IV



wherein

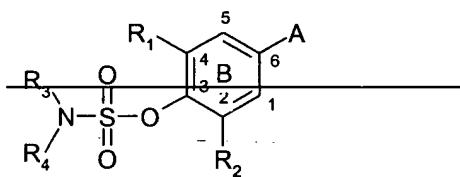
R₁ and/or R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H;

each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H; and

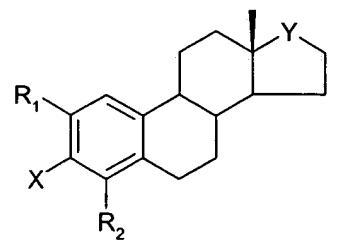
Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S.

2. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound suitable for use as an inhibitor of oestrone sulphatase, wherein the compound is a sulphamate compound having Formula II IV;

Formula II



Formula IV



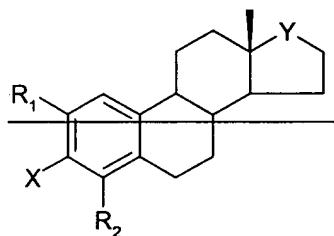
wherein

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R₁ and optionally R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group comprising one or more of C, O, N, and S

~~each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H; and~~

~~group A and ring B together are capable of mimicking the A and B rings of oestrone; and group A is additionally attached to the carbon atom at position 1 of the ring B.~~

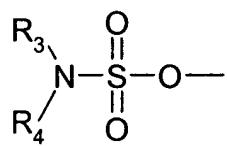
3. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the compound has the Formula IV;



Formula IV

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R₁ and/or R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group

the sulphamate group has the Formula III;



Formula III

wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl and aryl, or together represent alkylene optionally containing one or more hetero atoms or groups in the alkylene chain.

4. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H.

5. (Currently Amended) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 3 wherein at least one of R₃ and R₄ is H.

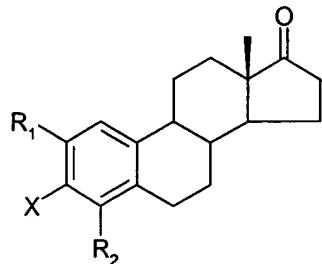
6. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

7. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein each of R₃ and R₄ is H.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein Y is -C(O)-.

10. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound has the Formula V;



Formula V

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R₁ and optionally R₂ is a substituent other than H; and wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different.

11. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

12. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is selected from alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group, and

R₂ is selected from H, alkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, aryl, substituted alkyl, substituted cycloalkyl, substituted alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy containing group.

13. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R₁ and R₂ is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

14. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ cycloalkyl, substituted C₁₋₆ alkenyl, substituted aryl, a nitrogen containing group, a S containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

15. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

16. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, a nitrogen containing group, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

17. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

18. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms, and

R_2 is selected from H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkenyl, NO₂, or a carboxy group having from 1-6 carbon atoms.

19. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein each of R_1 and R_2 is independently selected from H, C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO.

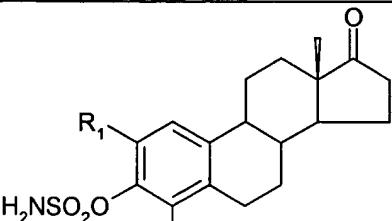
20. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein

R_1 is selected from C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO, and

R_2 is selected from H, C₃ alkyl, C₃ alkenyl, NO₂, or H₃CO.

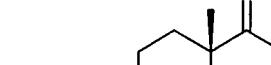
21. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein the compound is any one of the Formulae VI - IX.

		R_1	R_2	Formula
a)	n-	H	VI	
	CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃			
b)	H	n-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃		



The chemical structure shows a steroid nucleus with a cyclohexenone side chain at C11. At the C17 position, there is a substituent R₁. At the C11 position, there is a substituent H₂NSO₂O.

	c)	n- CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	n-CH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₃	
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b)	H	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂						
c)	-	-CH ₂ CH=CH ₂						
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	R_1	R_2	Formula
	a) H_3CO-	H	VIII
	b) H	H_3CO-	
	c) H_3CO-	H_3CO-	

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a)	-NO ₂	H	IX														
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c)	-NO ₂	-NO ₂															

22. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more alkoxy substituents.

23. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein the group A/ring B combination contains one or more methoxy substituents.

24. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is an alkoxy group.

25. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 and/or R_2 is an alkoxy group.

26. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is a methoxy group.

27. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R₁ and/or R₂ is a methoxy group.

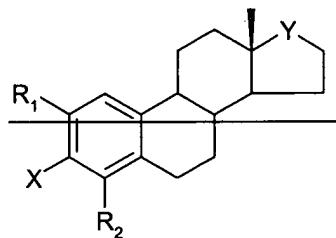
28. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

29. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is an alkoxy group.

30. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 1 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

31. (Original) A sulphamate compound according to claim 2 wherein R_1 is a methoxy group.

32. (Currently Amended) A method of inhibiting steroid sulphatase activity in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any one of claims 1-2 having Formula IV;



Formula IV

wherein X is a sulphamate group; R₁ and/or R₂ is a substituent other than H; wherein R₁ and R₂ may be the same or different but not both being H; and wherein Y is a suitable linking group.

33-64. (Canceled)

65. (New) A method of inhibiting and/or treating breast cancer comprising administering a sulphamate compound according to any of claims 1, 2, 4-7, and 9-31.

66. (New) A method of inhibiting and/or treating endocrine-dependent cancers comprising administering a sulphonamide compound according to any of claims 1 or 2.